

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 64**  
**OFFERED BY MR. EHLERS AND MR. BARCIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Science  
3 at the Environmental Protection Agency Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For purposes of this Act—

6 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-  
7 ministrator of the Agency;

8 (2) the term “Agency” means the Environ-  
9 mental Protection Agency;

10 (3) the term “Deputy” means the Deputy Ad-  
11 ministrator for Science and Technology appointed  
12 under section 4; and

13 (4) the term “research” means research, devel-  
14 opment, and demonstration.

**15 SEC. 3. RESEARCH MISSION OF AGENCY.**

16 Conducting, sponsoring, and evaluating environ-  
17 mental science and technology research shall be a central  
18 mission of the Agency. The results of such research shall  
19 be used to help initiate, formulate, and carry out the

1 Agency's agenda, and the Agency shall seek to increase  
2 the public's understanding of environmental science and  
3 technology by making those research results available to  
4 the public.

5 **SEC. 4. DEPUTY.**

6 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall appoint, by  
7 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Deputy  
8 Administrator for Science and Technology, who shall co-  
9 ordinate and oversee the science and technology activities  
10 of the Agency and ensure that Agency decisions are in-  
11 formed by the results of appropriate and relevant re-  
12 search, development, and demonstrations.

13 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Deputy shall—

14 (1) provide advice to the Administrator regard-  
15 ing science and technology issues and their relation-  
16 ship to Agency policies, procedures, and decisions;

17 (2) participate in developing the Agency's stra-  
18 tegic plans and policies and review the science and  
19 technology aspects of those plans and policies;

20 (3) coordinate the acquisition and compilation  
21 of relevant science and technology information avail-  
22 able from academic sources, government agencies,  
23 and the private sector;

1           (4) develop and oversee guidelines for the dis-  
2       semination of research results conducted, sponsored,  
3       or cited by the Agency; and

4           (5) develop and oversee guidelines for peer re-  
5       view of science and technology research.

6       (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed  
7       under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-  
8       standing science and technology background, including re-  
9       search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and public  
10      policy experience.

11      (d) CONSULTATION.—Before appointing an indi-  
12      vidual under subsection (a), the President shall consult  
13      with the National Academy of Sciences, the National  
14      Academy of Engineering, the Science Advisory Board of  
15      the Agency, and other appropriate scientific organizations.

16      (e) COMPENSATION.—The Deputy shall be com-  
17      pensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive  
18      Schedule pursuant to section 5314 of title 5, United  
19      States Code.

20      (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5314 of  
21      title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
22      end the following:

23           “Deputy Administrator for Science and Tech-  
24      nology of the Environmental Protection Agency.”.

1   **SEC. 5. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR RESEARCH AND**  
2                   **DEVELOPMENT.**

3           (a) **TITLE AND TERM.**—There shall be an Assistant  
4 Administrator for Research and Development of the Agen-  
5 cy, who shall also have the title of Chief Scientist of the  
6 Agency. Appointments to such position made after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act shall be for a term of  
8 5 years unless sooner removed by the President.

9           (b) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—An individual appointed  
10 under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-  
11 standing science and technology background, including re-  
12 search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and experi-  
13 ence in leading a research and development organization.